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operculum, gen. operculi, pl. opercula (o-per'ku-lum, -li, -la)

1. Anything resembling a <u>lid</u> or cover. 2. [TA] In <u>anatomy</u>, the portions of the <u>frontal</u> (<u>operculum</u> frontale [TA], <u>frontal</u> <u>operculum</u> [TA]), <u>parietal</u> (<u>operculum</u> parietale [TA], <u>parietal operculum</u> [TA]), and <u>temporal</u> (<u>operculum</u> temporale [TA], <u>temporal operculum</u> [TA]) lobes bordering the <u>lateral sulcus</u> and <u>covering</u> the <u>insula</u>. 3. In <u>parasitology</u>, the <u>lid</u> or caplike cover of the <u>shell opening</u> of <u>operculated</u> freshwater snails in the <u>subclass</u> Prosobranchiata, and of the eggs of certain <u>trematode</u> and <u>cestode</u> parasites. 4. The attached <u>flap</u> in the <u>tear</u> of <u>retinal detachment</u>. 5. The <u>mucosal flap</u> partially or completely <u>covering</u> an unerupted <u>tooth</u>. [L. cover or <u>lid</u>, fr. *operio*,1 pp. *opertus*,1 to cover]

<u>operculum</u> ilei SYN: <u>ileal</u> <u>sphincter</u>. <u>occipital</u> <u>operculum</u> a <u>portion</u> of the <u>occipital lobe</u> of the <u>brain</u> demarcated by the simian <u>fissure</u> (<u>sulcus</u> lunatus) when <u>present</u> in

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